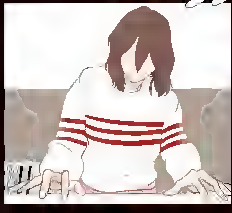

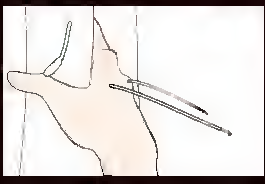

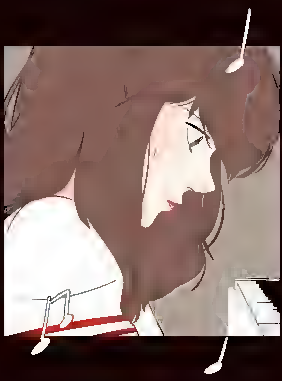

Serenade

BY KEUM KYESOO

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WHY CAN'T YOU JUST TELL HER TO GO HOME EARLY
AND THAT YOU ALSO WANT TO GO HOME?
HOW COULD I?! SHE'S WORKING SO HARD...! I CAN'T DO THAT!
BUT THE PRACTICE ROOMS ARE ONLY OPEN TILL 10.
STILL!
HERE YOU GO.
THANKS
I'M LEAVING THE CHANGE HERE.
YEAH...

I MEAN, HONESTLY, IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU PROFESSOR
IT'S BECAUSE YOU SAID SHE WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH AND ALL THAT..
HOW ABOUT YOU JUST TELL YEONJU THE TRUTH AND MAKE THINGS EASIER
.. OR NOT.. I KNOW.. I KNOW..
AREN'T YOU WORRIED THOUGH?

THE CONCOURS THIS SEASON IS TOUGH, BUT
WHAT IF YEONJU REALLY DOES WIN?

I'LL HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...

I TOOK A LOOK AT THE FRESHMAN CLASS THIS YEAR AND NONE OF THEM ARE AS GOOD AS YEONJU
AH THERE IS ONE STUDENT HER NAME IS WOO YEJI BUT REALLY THAT'S ABOUT IT
THEY ALWAYS PRACTICE UNTIL IT'S SUPER LATE THEY SEEM TO BE CLOSE TOO

AND THEY'RE BOTH PRETTY GOOD

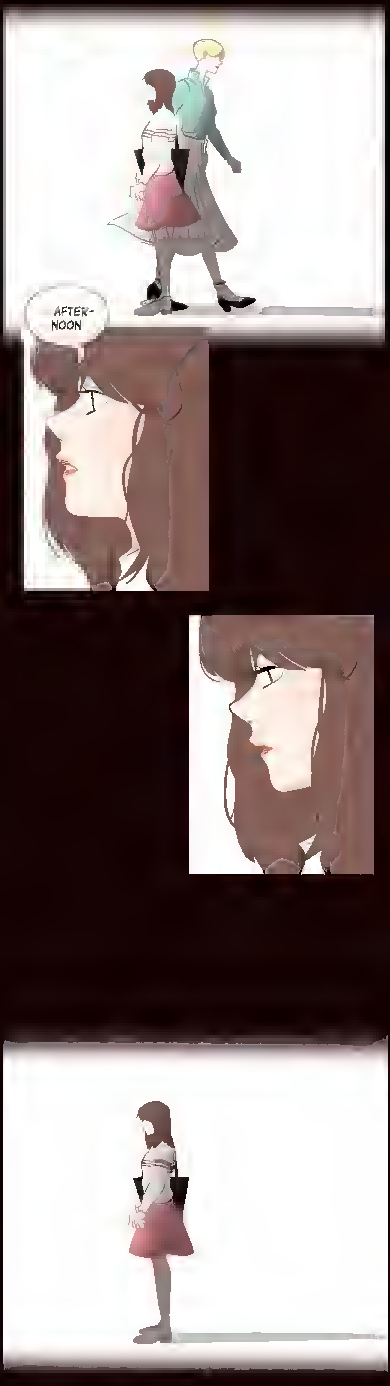
AH, SHE'S THE REPLACEMENT FOR YEONJU.
I'M GOING TO HELP HER WIN.

WHAT? AND YOU'RE DOING THIS ON PURPOSE?
DON'T TELL ME HEE-EUN MADE YOU DO THIS!!
... I AGREED TO IT.
WHY WOULD YOU EVER DO THAT?
WHAT DO YOU THINK I HAVE TO MAKE SURE SHE GIVES UP COMPLETELY.
BUT WHY DO YOU HAVE TO GO TO THAT EXTREME!
I REALIZE THAT YOU'RE IN A PINCH...
BUT DON'T YOU FEEL BAD FOR YEONJU?
SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING.

THERE ISN'T A DESIGNATED SCORE FOR THIS CONCOURS
SO YOU COULD JUST GO WITH AN ETUDE...
BUT WITH YOUR SKILLS, YOU COULD PLAY SOMETHING A BIT MORE CHALLENGING.
IS IT TOO MUCH?
NO, I CAN DO IT.
YOU SURE?

ALRIGHT SEE YOU NEXT WEEK
YES, THANK YOU.

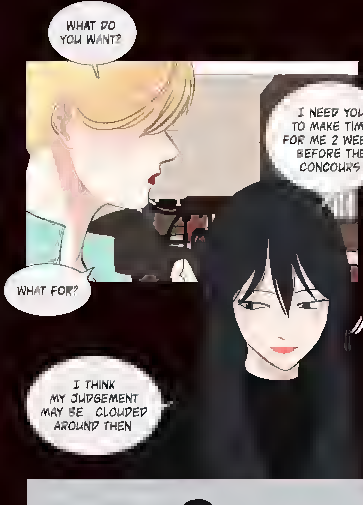
AH...! GOOD...


AFTER-
NOON

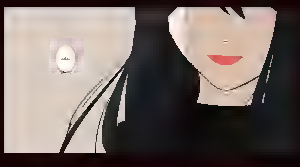
CREAK...
HEE-EUN? WHY ARE YOU HERE? IT'S NOT YOUR TURN FOR A LESSON.
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN ONLY COME HERE FOR MY LESSONS
I WANTED TO SEE YOU

AND I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU, TOO...
I'D LIKE TO REST A BIT.

I'M NOT HERE TO DO ANYTHING TO YOU, SO DON'T WORRY.


WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I NEED YOU TO MAKE TIME FOR ME 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE CONCOURS
WHAT FOR?
I THINK MY JUDGEMENT MAY BE CLOUDED AROUND THEN

INCREDIBLE YOU EVEN CALCULATE THAT?
IT'S JUST A HUNCH.
BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TOO MUCH OF YOU
TO JUST ASK ME TO CHANGE MY SCHEDULE LIKE THAT?
WHAT IF I DO YOU A FAVOR IN RETURN?
...THAT WORKS.
THEN FROM NOW ON, IF YOU NEED TO TELL ME SOMETHING, JUST TEXT ME.
IS THAT IT?
YES.



...TEST WELL THEN.

SEE, YOU KEEP MESSING UP THAT ONE PART.

WANNA BET?

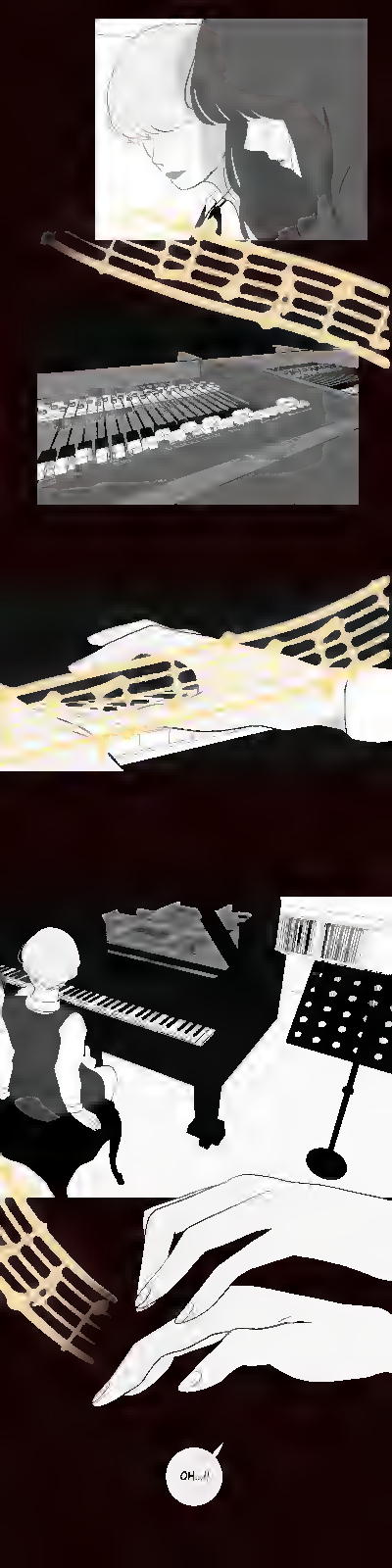
ON WHAT?

WHETHER I MAKE A MISTAKE AGAIN OR NOT.

PFFF... ...FINE.

YOU... ARE YOU LAUGHING AT ME?!
SNICKER
I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY. SORRY.
YOU'LL SEE I'LL PLAY IT PERFECTLY.
... SO WHAT'S YOUR WISH?
IT'S A SECRET!
WHAT...

YOU'RE DYING TO KNOW, RIGHT?
...NOT REALLY.
REALLY?
EVEN IF IT'S SUPER GREAT?
LET'S SEE THEN...
ALRIGHT! I'M NOT GOING TO MESS UP!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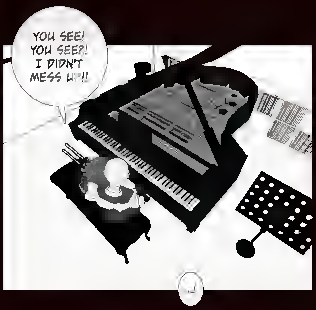
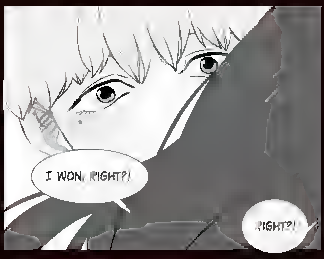

YOU SEE! YOU SEE?! I DIDN'T MESS UP!!


I WON, RIGHT?!
RIGHT?!

SO WHAT DID YOU WISH?
HM-
PLEASE DON'T PUSH ME AWAY.

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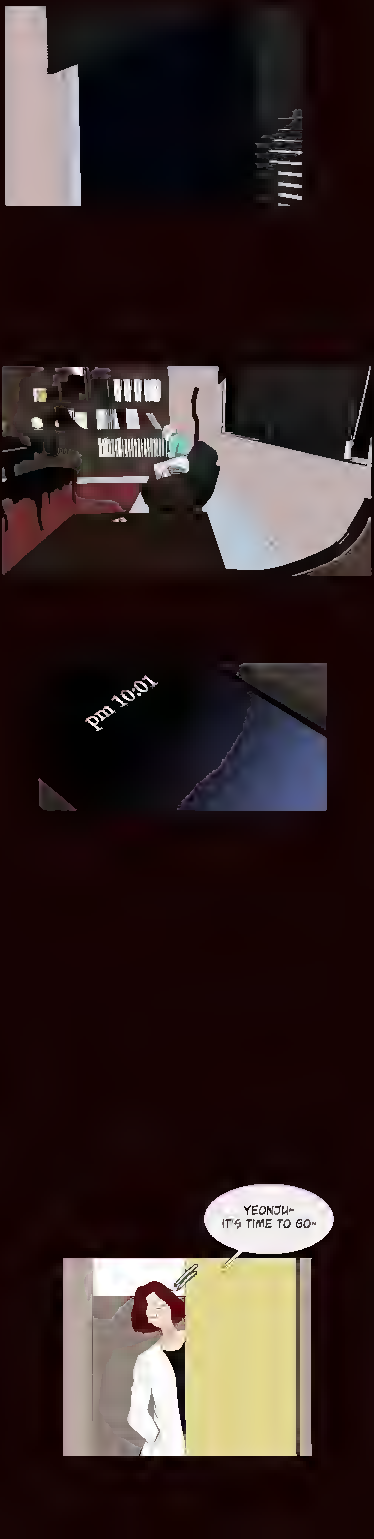
PLEASE ACCEPT ME
AS YOUR STUDENT, PROFESSOR...
HUUUG...
PLEASE, PROFESSOR, DON'T PUSH ME AWAY...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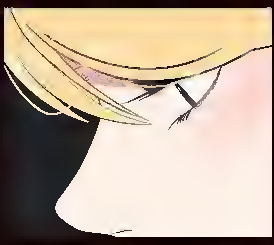
YEONJU~
IT'S TIME TO GO~

AH..! COULD I JUST STAY FOR ANOTHER 30 MINUTES?
30 MINUTES..? I HAVE SOMEWHERE TO GO SOON, SO THAT'S A BIT..
...OH..
THEN, I'LL TRUST YOU AND LET YOU STAY. COULD YOU JUST TURN OFF THE LIGHTS WHEN YOU LEAVE?
OF COURSE!!
THANKS~ WHAT ABOUT YEJIP I DIDN'T SEE HER TODAY.
SHE LEFT EARLIER BECAUSE SHE HAD SOMETHING TO DO.
AH... IS THAT SO...
C-OKAY THEN. I'LL BE OFF NOW. DON'T FORGET TO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS!
I WON'T- THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

EH, PROFESSOR? YOU'RE STILL HERE?
AH... I FELL ASLEEP FOR A BIT...
YOU MUST BE REALLY TIRED- YOU SHOULD GET SOME PROPER SLEEP~!
... I SHOULD
YOU'RE LEAVING EARLY TODAY?
AH, YES. I HAVE A DATE TODAY... HEHE
UM... WHAT ABOUT YEONJU?
AH, SHE'S STILL PRACTICING... WHAT WHY?! YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T CARE!
AH, NO. IT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE LEAVING BEFORE 12
OH... IT'S FINE YEONJU WILL SET THE LIGHTS I'LL BE GOING THEN~!

... OKAY.



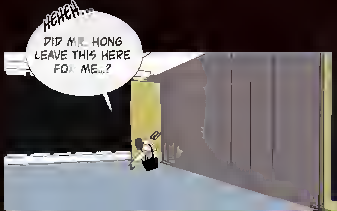
DON'T YOU FEEL BAD FOR HER?
SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING
THAT THE UNNIE SHE THOUGHT WAS A FRIEND ACTUALLY ISN'T
THAT SHE'S CRAZILY OBSESSED WITH YOU AND THAT SHE'S TRYING TO RUIN HER FRIENDSHIP-
SHE WON'T FIND OUT

SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHY YOU ARE DOING THIS EITHER...
SHE CAN NEVER FIND OUT!!!
DO YOU THINK IT'S ALWAYS RIGHT TO JUST DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO?!
YOU KNOW THAT I'M NOT DOING THIS JUST FOR MYSELF!
BUT IT KEEPS GETTING COMPLICATED.
AND IT'S AFFECTING YOU.. PHYSICALLY..
AND MENTALLY...

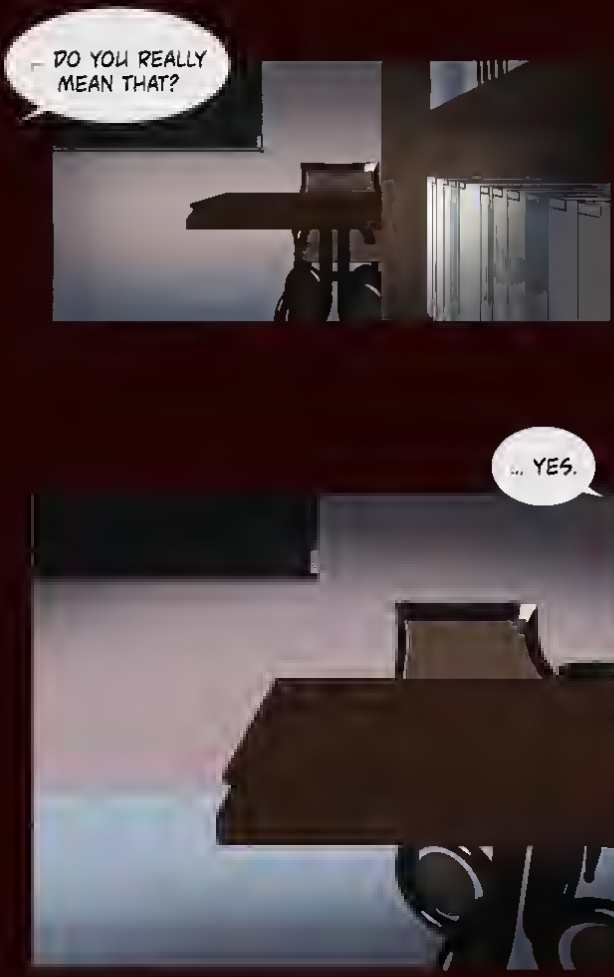
OH MY
I SAID 30 MINUTES, BUT IT'S ALREADY 1!...

CREAK...

HM?


HEHE!
DID MR. HONG LEAVE THIS HERE FOR ME...?

MENTALLY? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU KEEP PRETENDING AS IF YOU'RE FINE BUT YOU'RE NOT
WHAT ARE YOU...
YOU ALREADY TOLD ME EVERYTHING THAT TIME YOU'RE GOING TO PRETEND THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN?!
VROOM...
DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO KEEP SUPPRESSING EVERYTHING LIKE THIS?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT
HOW COULD I NOT?!
I'LL BE FINE SO DON'T WORRY



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